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SUBJ: REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: VISIT OF NICHOLAS
HOLLIS

REF: (A) KUWAIT 1241, (B) JIDDA 1548, (C) ROME 3563,
(D) NAIROBI 2943 (NOTAL),

1. WE HAVE RAISED POSSIBLE TRIANGULAR ASSISTANCE TO
SUDAN AIRWAYS WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARAB FUND IN CHARGE
OF PROJECTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND WITH ACTING
DIRECTOR OF KUWAIT FUND. BOTH FIRMLY STATED THAT SUDAN
AIRWAYS BEING COMMERCIAL VENTURE, THEIR FUNDS WOULD HAVE
NO INTEREST IN FINANCING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IT AND
WOULD BE DUBIOUS ABOUT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AIRPORTS.
THIS BEING THE CASE, THE FINANCING SUDAN AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN
MUBARAK FEELS "HE CAN SECURE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY" (REF D)
PRESUMABLY COMES FROM SOME ARAB INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN
THESE FUNDS.

2. PER REF C WE ALSO DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH HIKMAT NASHASHIBI
OF KIIC, WHICH HAS JUST PARTICIPATED IN \$40 MILLION FINAN-
CING FOR GULF AIR. NASHASHBI SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO
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SEE HOLLIS, BUT NOTED THAT KIIC WAS NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF
FINANCING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. ALSO, HE WILL BE LEAVING
MARCH 7 FOR VIENNA AND WILL NOT BE BACK IN KUWAIT BEFORE
MARCH 12, WHICH PRECLUDES CALL DURING HOLLIS VISIT TIME FRAME.

3. WE SEE NO PURPOSE IN HOLLIS DISCUSSING TRIANGULAR ASSISTANCE
IN GENERAL TERMS WITH FUND OFFICIALS. FRANKLY TO RAISE

THIS SUBJECT IN GENERAL TERMS WOULD RISK USING UP SOME OF
OUR GOOD WILL WITH THESE BUSY, UNDERSTAFFED ORGANIZATIONS.
IF HOLLIS HAS SOME OTHER SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN MIND, PLEASE
CABLE THEM IMMEDIATELY AND WE WILL CHECK TO SEE IF FUNDS
ARE INTERESTED. IF THERE ARE NO OTHER SPECIFIC PROJECTS
IN MIND OR IF NEW ONES ARE NOT OF INTEREST TO FUNDS, WE
SUGGEST HOLLIS CANCEL VISIT TO KUWAIT. PLEASE ADVISE.
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